

# TORT & SWEET

An Occasional Newsletter

## Director's Corner

Recently, I looked through a cumulation of back issues of law library newsletters. Most of these newsletters came from member libraries of the Southeastern Association of Law Libraries--of which UK is a part. The titles of these publications included: *U.A.L.L. News*, *Inter Alia*, *Legal Pursuits*, *The Gavel*, *Iluncch times*, *Amicus Briefs*, *Law Library Briefs*, *D.U.L.L. News*, and *Hearsay*. One common thread running throughout the articles in all of these publications is the emphasis on service.

The University of Kentucky Law Library newsletter, *Tort and Sweet* also features articles which deal with service. I'm dead serious about quality service at our law library--service which exceeds the expectations of our users. I urge you to take a look at the sign that we posted at our exit door several months ago: "If our service hasn't met your expectations today, please see Sue Burch in Room 122, before you leave." Let Sue or any of our staff know what we can do to improve our service.

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## Faces in the Law Library



**Carol J. Parris**  
Reference/Document Delivery Librarian

Carol Parris is a native of Virginia and graduated from Berea College with a Bachelor of Arts in English in 1974. She had been an actress in Wilderness Road Outdoor Drama for 7 summers in the 1970's, an insurance investigator, a death registrar, an employment counselor and a financial counselor for the UK Medical Center.

Carol has worked for the UK Law Library since 1981 when she was hired as a Circulation technician to assist the Circulation and Public Services librarians. During that time she decided to go back to school and in 1995 she obtained her Master's Degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Kentucky. In August of 1995 she became the Reference/Document Delivery Librarian. She is responsible for reference assistance to law library patrons as well as the coordination of

the document delivery service and interlibrary loan service.

Like many of her library peers, Carol is a dog lover. Roxie, an Australian Shepard, joined Carol's household in August of 1995. Roxie now rules the roost and retains Carol only as a feeder and petter. Carol loves to go antiquing with friends, reading science fiction and staring blankly at television programs. She has joined the Couch Potato Society of America and hopes to make "Grand Poobah" one day.

## Law Library Book Sale

by  
Ebba Jo Sexton

The Library will hold its annual book sale in the Courtroom Lobby on Friday, March 7, from 9 am to 4 pm. There will be an assortment of reasonably priced law treatises and reference books. A directory or a dictionary still has value, even if it is an earlier edition. Some of the casebooks we'll have for sale are very recent editions. Come browse through the books - you may find something you can't live without! We will happily take your cash or check, but no credit cards. In addition to selling books, the library staff will have a bake sale. So if you can't find a book, you can buy a delicious snack to help you through a long day of classes. If you have questions, ask Ebba Jo Sexton or Antoinette Fiske in the Law Library Technical Services Dept.



## New Faces in the Law Library



**Emily Raney**  
Catalog/Circulation Technician

*Editor's Note: Emily Raney was hired in November as our Catalog/Circulation Technician. She impressed our Personnel Committee with not only her previous experience and recommendations from the UK Biology Library, but her straightforward attitude and dry sense of humor. When asked to provide a "biographical sketch" for the Newsletter, Emily submitted the following.*

Well, there really isn't that much to know about me, so here it goes.... I was born a coal miner's daughter. Just kidding! My mother named me after Emily Dickinson. My full name is Emily Anne Raney. With the initials EAR how could I go wrong? I am the last of four children. My mother says that she always wanted four, but I think she's lying. I have two brothers and a sister. All of them are at U.K.

My sister Nancy is a graduate student in genetics; my brother Bill is a sculpture student; and my

eldest (and most annoying) brother, Mike, got his master's degree in math from U.K.

I am originally from Princeton, Kentucky, but I don't admit that very often. My family is originally from Oklahoma. My mother has a master's degree in Library Science. My father had (I say had because he passed away seven years ago) a doctorate in entomology and worked at Ag Science North. I have attended U.K. at several different times. I started out undecided in Arts and Sciences and finished my brilliant career with a major in voice performance. I did not complete my degree. Maybe I will some day if "they" will let me back in.

I don't really have that many hobbies. I see a lot of movies and spend a lot of time with my friends. I try to stay away from my house. I also like to sing, but mostly on my own -- you know, in the shower, in the car, in various and sundry places. I also love to go to concerts, so when I can get a car, I try to attend as many as I can.

I like different kinds of music. I can stand anything but country. Some of my favorite singers are Nina Simone and Billie Holiday. I also like Fugazi and Tori Amos and maybe a little bit of Elvis.

There is really not that much to tell about myself. I'm just the weird pale girl with purple hair, who creeps up from the basement from time to time to check in books. (You can make up some other stuff if you need to.)

*Welcome Emily! We're enjoying getting to know you!*

## Library Staff Activities

### Personnel Changes

Kurt Metzmeier, formerly the Reference/Computer Systems Librarian, has been named Coordinator of Information Systems Services for the School of Law, replacing Chris Corman who is returning to MCFACS, the medical center's faculty support unit. Kurt will report to Herb Cihak, Law Library Director and Chief Information Officer, and will be responsible for assisting faculty in incorporating technology into the classroom, instructing students and faculty in information technology, overseeing day-to-day computer systems management, and advising the CIO on technology planning issues.

Amy Osborne has joined the law library's Public Service staff as Circulation/Reference Librarian. She will supervise the circulation department, manage the library's reserve collection and provide reference assistance to students, faculty and the general public. Amy is a graduate of Morehead State University and the University of Kentucky School of Library and Information Science, and most recently headed the law library at Landrum and Shouse. The law library hopes to draw upon Amy's experience as a law firm librarian to help instruct students to effectively use practice oriented materials and online services. Be sure to come by to meet Amy and welcome her to the Library.



## LEXALL NEWS

The February LEXALL meeting was hosted by Jeff Frey at the offices of Stoll Keenon and Park.



Most of the discussion at the meeting dealt with the mergers and acquisitions taking place within the legal publishing industry. Among the companies experiencing change are West Publishing which has been acquired by Thompson, Shepards who has sold their citators to Matthew Bender and CCH which has been taken over by Kluwer. These mergers have implications not only in the area of customer service, but also with regard to what titles will continue to be published. Several sales representatives from the various companies will be invited to attend the April LEXALL meeting, in order that the group might gain a better understanding of the new corporate structures for these companies.

On March 20, the Special Libraries Section of KLA will sponsor the video teleconference, "The Future For Libraries: Positioning Yourself For Success". Amy Osborne reminded the group to mail in their registration forms if they wish to attend the program. Additionally, Jeff Frey announced that Stoll Keenon and Park will be a satellite site for the ALI/ABA video conference, "Internet For The

Practical Litigator."

Our next meeting will be held April 8th at the offices of Stites and Harbison.

## Spring KLA Meeting

A joint spring conference of the Kentucky Library Association - Special Section and the Special Libraries Association-Kentucky Chapter, will be held April 23-25, at Natural Bridge State Park. Ebba Jo Sexton is co-chair of the Conference Planning Committee. The theme is *Traveling the Information Highway: Views from the Bridge*.

The opening session will deal with "Power and Influence: Tactics for Success". Abigail Hubbard from the University of Houston will present this program.

In addition, sessions on special librarians, creating a web page, evaluating web sites, and Herb Cihak's program, "Electronic Library Resources: Using the Marketing Bridge" will also be featured.

## Southeastern Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting

This year's annual SEAALL meeting, *Law Libraries in the Sunshine*, will be held in Tallahassee, Florida on April 17-19. On April 17, preceding the conference, a one day Institute will be held dealing with "The Messenger and the Message: Effective Communication Skills for Law Librarians". The Institute will focus on key skills to help law librarians in all types of organizations communicate with

users and management more effectively.

The regular program features sessions dealing with a wide range of topics from the intranet and marketing to minority librarians and education for law librarianship in the new millenium.

In addition, three UK speakers are on the program. Dean David Shipley is presenting a program entitled "But I like the Card Catalog & My Old Smith-Corona: A Dean's Observation About Copyright Law, Cyberspace, Computers, Scanning, the Internet, Fair Use and Other Labor Saving Devices". Also, Herb Cihak and Sue Burch will present a session on "Leading Today's Professional and Paraprofessional Library Staff".

## Training for First Year Students

Lori Chester, Westlaw academic representative, will be providing intermediate Westlaw training for first-year students later this spring. All first year students received an initial overview of both Lexis and Westlaw as part of their Legal Research class, but more in-depth training will be provided to them for Westlaw.

The dates these classes will be offered are: Monday, March 10, 4 pm; Tuesday, March 11, 2 pm and 3:30 pm, and Thursday, March 13, 8:15 am and 9:30 am. The classes will be held in the Computer Lab, and sign-up for these sessions will be at the Circulation Desk beginning Monday, March 3.



## Government Documents For Your Information

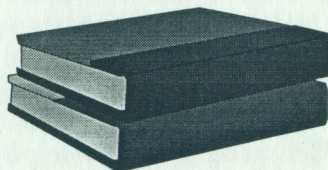


The Law Library Depository has a small, but useful group of reference tools from the Social Security Administration on supplemental security income for the aged, blind, and disabled people with limited resources. The Social Security Administration, which was formerly under the Dept. Of Health and Human Services, became an independent agency in the Spring of 1995. The change meant reassignment of the SuDocs Classification number from HE 3 to SSA 1. The library's documents published after April 1, 1995 have been assigned the SSA 1 number. All publications before that time, including the *Legislative History of the Social Security Act*, remain in the HE 3 designation. Some of the paper titles are: *Social Security Bulletin*; *Annual Statistical Supplement to the Social Security Bulletin*; *Social Security Handbook*; *Understanding SSI*; and a reference tool for volunteer teachers called *Social Security & You, a Guide for Teaching*. The SSA's new CD-ROM product contains the following titles: *Program Operations Manual System*; *Social Security Rulings and Acquiescence Rulings*; and the *Social Security Handbook*. The CD is kept in Dee Wood's office, Rm. 035, Ext. 7-2925. If you would like to know more about the SSA resources, please ask Dee or one of the reference librarians for assistance.

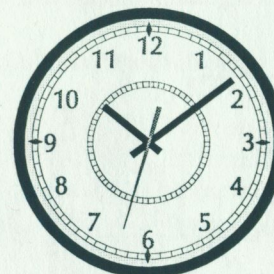
## Have You Seen These?

The following books/sets have been missing for months and desperately need updating! Please return to Ebba Jo Sexton in Technical Services. Thanks.

HF	Handbook
5635	of
.H22	Accounting
1996	And
	Auditing
KF	Antitrust
1649	Basics
.V27	
1985	
KF	Federal
4749	Civil
.A745	Rights
1994	Acts
KF	Rico: Civil
9375	and
.R5	Criminal
1989	Law &
	Strategy
KF	Prosecution
9747	and Defense
.S64	of Forfeiture
1985	Cases



## Law Library Spring Break Hours



Friday March 14 7 am - 6 pm

Saturday & Sunday  
March 15 & 16 Closed

Monday - Friday  
March 17 - 21 8 am - 6 pm

Saturday  
March 22 Closed

Sunday  
March 23 Noon-midnight



## Regular 1997 Spring Hours run through April 28:

Mon - Thurs: 7 am - midnight

Friday 7 am - 9 pm

Saturday 9 am - 9 pm

Sunday Noon - midnight